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Seven Contractors Receive Citations For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in the North Las Vegas and the Reno area for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

Those cited in Southern Nevada included:

Juarez G. Fuentes was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*. Fuentes submitted a bid to do painting.

Wilhelm Yanes, dba Advanced Landscape Services, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *unlawful advertising*. Yanes submitted a bid to do painting.

Perez Gonzalez was issued criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Gonzalez submitted a bid to do electrical work.

Darrel Skidmore, dba Handyman Services, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Skidmore submitted a bid to do electrical work.

Reyes Rodriquez, dba Reyes Landscape, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Rodriquez submitted a bid to do landscaping.

Ronald Morelli was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Morelli submitted a bid to do electrical work.

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In Northern Nevada one person was cited:

Virgilio M. Flores, dba VMF Services, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Flores was advertising his services on a Reno bulletin board for concrete, tile, sprinkler repair and installation and dryer vent cleaning. Flores submitted a bid for concrete work.

Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain Workman's Compensation coverage for their employees, and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us by clicking on the "**Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search**" icon.

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